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SUBJ: IAEA PROGRAM FOR 1975-80 - ADVANCED ENERGY CONVERSION

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1. REF B, PARA 5.F. SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO READ AT END QTE.
PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF SODIUM COOLED FAST BREEDER REACTORS
AND SUPPORTING FACILITIES QTE.

2. USAEC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED IAEA PROGRAM FOR 1975-80 RELATING
TO ACVANCED ENERGY CONVERSION CONCERN PARA. I. 107, GOV/1656.
AGENCY'S PLAN TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING ULTRAHIGH-
TEMPERATURE NUCLEAR REACTORS IN CLOSED-CYCLE MHD SYSTEMS
IS NOT CONSIDERED SUPPORTABLE BECAUSE THIS LINE OF RESEARCH
HAS PROVED TO BE FAR LESS PROMISING THAN TWO-PHASE LIQUID
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METAL MHD WORK AT ANL. BELIEVE AGENCY WOULD BE BETTER ADVISED

TO CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON TWO-PHASE MHD EFFORT OR OTHER
ADVANCED ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS WHICH WOULD HAVE APPLICATION
TO NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. INASMUCH AS DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
WORK ON OPEN CYCLE MHD SYSTEMS IS NOT RPT NOT RELATED TO NUCLEAR
PLANTS, THEIR COMMENTS ON AGENCY'S PROGRAM HAVE NOT BEEN SOUGHT.

3. DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW AGENCY COULD BE CONSIDERING CO-
SPONSORING 1975 SYMPOSIUM IN U.S., AS MISSION REPORTED IN REF.

A, PARA. 3, IN VIEW OF FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS: (A) AGENCY'S
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA FOR
1975 HAS BEEN REVIEWED ALREADY BY SAC AND A AND B COMMITTEE
AND DOES NOT INCLUDE SUCH MEETING, (B) AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE
HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN USAEC AND AGENCY CONCERNING OUR SERVING
AS HOST TO 1975 SYMPOSIUM ON BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF LOW-LEVEL
RADIATION AND DG HAS TAKEN POSITION IN PAST THAT NOT MORE THAN
ONE LARGE MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN ANY GIVEN STATE PER YEAR,
AND (C) EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO CUT BACK AGENCY'S LOWER
PRIORITY ACTIVITIES IN VIEW OF INCREASES REQUIRED TO MEET
PRICE RISES AND URGENT PROGRAM EXPANSION IN AREAS DIRECTLY
INVOLVED WITH INTRODUCTION AND SAFETY OF NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS.
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